transfer Jute Corporation of India to the Ministry of Agriculture

Per capita availability of cloth

4104. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES bo pleased to state the per capita availability of cloth; category-wise—cotton, artificial-fibre like terycot. Teryne, polypropylene during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): The per capita availability of cloth; categorywise for the last three years was as follows:

(in Mtrs.)

Year	Cotton	Non-cotton	Blended cotton	Total
1989-90	11.60	4.29	1.84	17.73
1990-91	11.69	4.79	2.11	18.59
1991-92	10.48	4.82	2.03	17.33

Export quota hike for winter garments

4105. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a garment export quota hike for whiter garments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The delegations of Government of India and Government of Canada have agreed on a mutually acceptable; solution to the Canadian request for imposing quota restriction on export of winter outwear from India under which an annual level of 537,028 pieces has been fixed for 1992.

Dues from NJMC to JCT

4106. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of dues from NJMC to JCI; and

(b) by when NJMC is likely to clear up its dues to JCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) According to JCI, NJMC owes them Rs. 66 crores as principal and about Rs. 60 crores for over-due interest on outstanding bills.

(b) NJMC shall only be able to clear these dues after improvement in their financial position.

Court stay on the operation of Handloom Reservation Act, 1985

4107. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: SHRI MENTAY PABMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES fee pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to get the stays granted by the Supreme Court of India on 30th November, 1986 on the operation of the Handloom Researvation Act, 1985 and also the notification isued under the provisions of the Act;

(b) when it is likely to he taken up for hearing in the Supreme Court of India; and

(c) whether there is any other alternative measures to ensure implemenntatlon of Handloom reservations made in the year 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Government has been constantly pursuing the matter regarding the case pending in the Supreme Court with a view to obtain an early hearing and disposal. Government is awaiting judgement in the case from the Supreme Court.

Export of raw jute

4108. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced export quota for raw jute during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this export quota is much higher than the last year's export quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to augment the export of raw jute in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have announced a quota for the export of 1.50 lakh bales of raw jute to General Currency Area countries during the 1992-93 jute season.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. A quota for the export of 2.0 lakh bales of raw jute had been released during the 1991-92 season.

(e) Export of raw jute depends on the availability of surplus after fully catering to domestic requirements.

Government Directors in Textile Mills

4109. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

fa) what are the names of Government Directors including those of financial institutions on the Board of Directors of various Textile Mills in Bombay; and

(b) what are the names of the Directors who are actually working in Government or financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Import of Txtile Machinery

4110. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express of 21st July, 1992 captioned 'Textile machinery placed out-side negative list" under the new export-import policy;

(b) which textile machinery will allowed to be imported with licensing and which without any licensing requirements including second hand machinery please give details thereof; and

(c) what further steps have been taken by Government to boost export of textiles under LERMS indicating the target fixed therefor during 1992-93, the first year of the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) New Textile Machinery as well as second-hand Textile Machinery are allowed to be imported without licence. However, import of second-hand textile machinery shall be subject to the conditions laid down in Export and Import Policy 1992-97.

(c) For 1992-93, *i.e.,* the first year of the Eighth Plan, a target of US$ 6349 million for textile export (including coir handicrafts and jute) has been fixed. Government have taken a number of steps to achieve the export targets like fixing of floor prices for quota items in terms of convertible currencies, introduction of Liberalisbd Exchange Rate Management